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SUBJECT:FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER

REF: (A) STATE 145252; (B) STATE 158186; (C) BERLIN 2286;
(D) STATE 146077; (E) STATE 151790; (F) STATE 1950;
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1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAS SUB-
MITTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER A REQUEST FOR A FOLLOW-UP
MEETING TO FISCHER'S JUNE 6 MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY
(REF A). DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO USE OCCASION TO TIE UP
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LOOSE ENDS ON CONSULAR CONVENTION, CLAIMS, DIVIDED FAMILIES,
NARCOTICS CONTROL COOPERATION, AND FEININGER PAINTINGS.
THERE FOLLOW TALKING POINTS ON THESE AND OTHER ISSUES.

2- CONSULAR CONVENTION: REITERATING OUR OWN WILLINGNESS TO
RETURN TO THE DRAWING BOARD, AMBASSADOR SHOULD ASK FISCHER
WHETHER HEHAS ANY NEW THOUGHTS ON THE CONSULAR CONVENTION.

IF FISCHER RETURNS TO HIS JUNE 6 PROPOSAL, AMBASSADOR MAY DRAW UPON REF B AS NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN USG POSITION. HE MAY ALSO DRAW UPON PRESIDENT'S BERLIN TOWN MEETING REMARKS TO UNDERLINE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH USG VIEWS THIS SUBJECT. FYI: IF FISCHER HAS NOTHING NEW TO OFFER, WE ARE PREPARED TO SUBMIT "CIRCLE OF PERSONS" APPROACH TO BONN GROUP IN

AUGUST WITH AN EYE TO SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION TO GDR. END FYI

3. CLAIMS: AMBASSADOR SHOULD ASK FISCHER WHETHER GDR HAS PREPARED REPLY TO US PRESENTATION AT PRELIMINARY CLAIMS TALKS IN BERLIN MARCH 28-29 (REF C). HE SHOULD STATE OUR OWN POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF THOSE TALKS AND OUR DESIRE FOR A FOLLOW-UP MEETING. GIVEN CURRENT SENSITIVE STATE OF PLAY ON JEWISH CLAIMS, ENCOURAGEMENT OF JUST SOLUTION OF THOSE CLAIMS SHOULD BE COUCHED IN GENERAL TERMS ONLY. SHOULD FISCHER RAISE FERENCZ "PAYMENT-IN-GOODS" PROPOSAL (REF D), AMBASSADOR SHOULD AVOID COMMENTING ON DETAILS EXCEPT TO SAY THAT EXEMPTION FOR COLUMN ONE TREATMENT OF GDR GOODS WOULD REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE ACTION. AMBASSADOR MAY EXPRESS WILLINGNESS ON PART OF USG TO PROVIDE GOOD OFFICES ON ANY REASONABLE SOLUTION SUGGESTED BY CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS AND GDR COUNTERPART AND, IN THAT CONTEXT, OFFER TO TRANSMIT FISCHER'S THOUGHTS TO DEPARTMENT.

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4. DIVIDED FAMILIES: RECALLING SECRETARY'S INTEREST, AMBASSADOR SHOULD ASK IF FISCHER HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTIGATE WILHELMI CASE. FYI: SENATOR JAVITS' OFFICE HAS ALSO REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH FISCHER'S PROMISE TO SFRC. END FYI. AMBASSADOR MAY ALSO REPORT THAT THE KOCH EMERGENCY VISITATION CASE IS NO LONGER CURRENT DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER AMERICAN SISTER.

5. FEININGER PAINTINGS: IN ELABORATION OF TALKING POINTS ON THIS SUBJECT CONTAINED IN REF E, AMBASSADOR MAY TAKE NOTE OF WAYS IN WHICH POSITIVE EFFECTS OF TURNOVER MIGHT BE MAGNIFIED. IT MIGHT BE POINTED OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT TURNOVER COULD BE TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH NEW YORK OPENING OF THE DRESDEN EXHIBIT AND THE ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR GRUNERT. FISCHER'S ATTENTION MIGHT ALSO BE REDIRECTED TO RALPH COLIN'S OFFER TO DISPLAY THE PAINTINGS WITH "FULL CREDIT" BEING GIVEN TO THE GDR. SHOULD FISCHER RAISE DUERER PAINTINGS AND POSTAGE STAMPS AS GDR CULTURAL OBJECTS HELD BY US, AMBASSADOR SHOULD SIMPLY REFER TO FACT THAT INVESTIGATION IN LATTER CASE AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS IN FORMER ARE STILL UNDER WAY, REITERATING THAT, IF COURTS FIND FOR GDR, OBJECTS WILL BE RETURNED FORTHWITH.

6. NARCOTICS CONTROL COOPERATION: AMBASSADOR SHOULD REFER TO OFFER OF CUSTOMS-TO-CUSTOMS COOPERATION IN THIS AREA (REF F), NOTING SHARED BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTEREST. HE SHOULD EXPRESS STANDING USG WILLINGNESS FOR BILATERAL WORKING-LEVEL COOPERATION WITH GDR AND REPORT UNDERSTANDING THAT US AND BULGARIA WILL CO-SPONSOR SEPTEMBER SOFIA SEMINAR, TO WHICH GDR, AMONG OTHERS, WILL BE INVITED.

AMBASSADOR SHOULD PRESS FOR GDR COOPERATION ON BASIS OF INTRINSIC MERIT OF NARCOTICS CONTROL AND FAVORABLE IMPRESSION SUCH COOPERATION WOULD MAKE ON US PRESS AND PUBLIC.

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7. MRS. DERIAN'S VISIT: ASST. SECRETARY DERIAN INTENDS TO VISIT BERLIN BUT DOES NOT YET HAVE A SPECIFIC DATE TO PROPOSE. IT IS LIKELY THAT TRAVEL WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER/EARLY OCTOBER. DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED SHORTLY. MRS. DERIAN WOULD HOPE TO MEET MFA OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR CSCE MATTERS GENERALLY, AS WELL AS FOR EMIGRATION, DIVIDED FAMILY QUESTIONS, EXIT PERMISSION FOR TEMPORARY VISITS, AND RELIGION IN PARTICULAR. (FYI: MRS. DERIAN HAS ACCEPTED FRG INVITATION TO STOP IN BONN ENROUTE TO BERLIN. END FYI.)

8. CONGRESSIONAL VISITS (IF RAISED): THE MINISTER HAS ESTABLISHED DIRECT CONTACTS WITH THE CONGRESS, A SEPARATE BRANCH OF US GOVERNMENT, AND MAY ISSUE INVITATIONS TO CONGRESSMEN THROUGH THE GDR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. FYI: WE ARE NOT ENCOURAGING SUCH VISITS BUT WOULD HAVE NO STRONG OBJECTION TO SUBSTANTIVE VISITS ESPECIALLY IF PART OF BROADER SWINGS THROUGH EASTERN EUROPE. END FYI. IF FISCHER REVIVES ATTEMPT TO GET INVITATION TO US FOR POLITBURO SECRETARY AXEN (FYI: A TRIP WE DO NOT WANT TO ENCOURAGE. END FYI), HE SHOULD AGAIN BE DIRECTED TO CONGRESS, ONCE THE BEST COVER FOR SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE AXEN'SVOLKSKAMMER COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP.

9. CULTURAL AGREEMENT (IF RAISED): THIS IS A MATTER WE CAN DISCUSS AFTER WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS ON THE CONSULAR CONVENTION. FOR THE MOMENT, WE ARE SATISFIED AT THE GROWTH OF OUR CULTURAL RELATIONS, HIGHLIGHTED THIS SPRING BY THE DRESDEN EXHIBIT, AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUAL EXPANSION THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW CULTURAL PLAN AND NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAMS SUCH AS THAT BETWEEN ACADEMIES OF SCIENCE.

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10. FISHING ALLOCATIONS (IF RAISED): AMBASSADOR MAY DRAW
ON TALKING POINTS IN REF G.

11. PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO GERMANY (IF RAISED): SHOULD
FISCHER RAISE THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON THE GDR AND THE
WALL WHILE IN BERLIN, THE AMBASSADOR MAY POINT OUT THAT THEY
WERE APPROPRIATE TO OCCASION BUT STATE US HAS NO INTENTION
OF WORSENING RELATIONS WITH GDR AND TRUSTS THAT THERE IS
NO SUCH INTENTION ON GDR SIDE. IF FISCHER ATTEMPTS TO
COMMENT ON ACCOMPANIMENT OF PRESIDENT TO BERLIN BY SCHMIDT,
THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF STATUS
OF BERLIN, AMBASSADOR SHOULD FIRMLY TELL FISCHER THAT
THESE ARE NOT APPROPRIATE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN
GDR AND US. CHRISTOPHER

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